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Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, however sellers were anticipating some improvement by late week. Retail demand was light with weekend clearances only fair. Food service was light to good, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, trading was reported as sluggish. Availability was irregular but usually adequate for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were light to moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 4/24-04/29/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Bos/New Eng	55.00-56.00	55.32	17	57.98
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.69	48	49.22
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	53.16
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.30
Denver	61.50	61.43	17	61.49
Detroit	43.00-44.00	45.67	18	51.82
Los Angeles	62.00	61.39	57	60.20
New York	53.00-56.00	53.94	32	56.56
Philadelphia	50.00-56.00	50.62	13	51.56
Pittsburgh	49.00-56.00	50.50	16	54.09
St. Louis	46.00-46.25	45.40	22	49.90
San Francisco	62.50	62.23	28	64.66

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/24/00	Change/Last Wk	04/17/00	04/26/99
666	55.89	-0.24	56.13	56.49

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
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East	49.00-58.00	55.29	40
Central	48.00-53.00	52.11	57
West	46.00-64.50	59.32	60

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	57.09	79
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	
1,166	42.00-59.25	56.13

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG CENTS PER POUND	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	139.50	4,119
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	2,100
THIGH MEAT - B/S	99.00	621
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,840
WINGS	52.50	3,016

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair. Offerings were more than sufficient for current needs with 2.5 pound sizes available. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was steady to barely steady. In the parts market, bone-in breast were readily available. All other items were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was cautiously steady with anticipation that late week movement would improve. Movement was mostly light with weekend clearances reported as only fair. Supplies were sufficient for current needs. In the parts complex, availability was generally adequate for the light buying interest. Breast items were available at some locations. In growout, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Trading for next week's deliveries reported on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices. Offerings in fairly good balance. Demand was light to fair, mostly fair. Sizes generally desirable. Floor stocks ranged from adequate to well cleared from the holiday week-end.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were TFEWR into Ohio and unchanged elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Offerings adequate overall for the limited trade needs. Retail demand was as anticipated, slow to light. Food service demand in a full range, mostly fair to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was generally light with increased trading noted on tenderloins. Supplies were tight on thighs and tenders, balance of items adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady on leg quarters, remainder steady to barely steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best. Offerings were fully sufficient. Live supplies were at least adequate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were very light as some plants closed in observance of the Easter Holiday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly bone-in breasts were readily available and generally difficult to place. Other items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	55-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	62.15
NO. OF BOXES	3,612

*6 of 8 plants reporting

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally light and unaggressive following the weekend. Offerings bone-in breast were fully adequate to ample. Other items were sufficient for trade needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow to fair, best where features were in progress. The market tone was barely steady for bone-in breast. Steady to barely steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	140.59	289,450
TENDERLOINS	130-135	144.32	64,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	69.08	182,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	60.08***	120,200***
LEGS	29-30	32.63	119,610
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.71	360,954
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.17	96,310
THIGHS	28-29	32.23	66,000
B/S THIGHS	86-87	94.55	56,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	48-49	58.36	153,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.88	53,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.68	47,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.70	66,680

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

***CORRECTIONS

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,299	125.00-159.00	125-135	132.66
TENDERLOINS	182	135.00-203.00	-	159.15
BREAST - WITH RIBS	160	58.00-61.00	59-61	59.25
FRONT HALVES	600	50.00-68.00	54-61	56.47
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	258	15.00-17.00	16	15.87
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,182	16.00-18.00	18	17.50
WINGS (WHOLE)	120	35.00-43.00	39-43	39.00
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	882	29.00-39.00	31-32	31.33

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/24	04/20	04/20	04/17	04/13
ALA	3,720	3,690	5.04	3,836	5.08
ARK	5,208	5,063	4.79	5,085	4.78
DELMARVA	1,425	2,346	5.12	2,090	5.13
KY-LA-TN	1,929	2,086	4.37	2,046	4.35
MISS	2,530	2,780	4.97	2,738	5.15
NC	1,868	2,480	5.75	2,437	5.80
TEXAS	2,258	2,249	4.78	2,265	4.87
TOTAL	18,938	20,694	4.97	20,497	5.01
MON	18,938(A)			20,497(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Apr 2000 is estimated to be 28,333,000 down 7.88 percent from a week ago and down 5.22 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,758,000, last year 29,894,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	453	120.00-183.00	127-135	133.34
TENDERLOINS	125	140.00-200.00	-	187.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	52	29.00-34.00	29-30	30.15
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	616	16.00-18.00	16-17	16.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	837	18.00-20.00	19-20	19.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	240	47.00-58.00	52-55	54.55
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR APRIL 24, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	36.50 - 38.25	37.00
		37.35

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 04/24-04/28/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 165.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 77.00	65.00 - 68.00
LEGS	29.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 21.00	17.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	32.00 - 40.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	44.00 - 53.00	43.00 - 45.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107-111
ICE PACK	119
HENS OVER 5#	98
ICE PACK	95
DUCKS	149-156

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 21-APR-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	-	16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50		16.00	

320,000 pounds, this includes 80,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.25-14.00	-	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.63			15.00

160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-14.00	13.50-15.00	11.25-13.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.28	14.50	11.88	13.33

1,328,000 pounds, this includes 200,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were generally unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate with current schedules full. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-APR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-17.5 CENTS/LB	10-13	11.15

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 21-APR-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	12.25-15.00	14.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE		20.00	12.88	15.00

326,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	-	-	10.00-12.50	13.00-13.50
WTD AVERAGE			10.94	13.15

1,938,000 pounds, this includes 408,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Buyers remain unaggressive for offerings that were fully adequate for processors needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Finished product was slow to clear at some locations. Market conditions were irregular but usually barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-APR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8.25-11	10.54

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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